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TO ~~_____~~

DATE: 6 October 1953

FROM ~~_____~~

Article E

SUBJECT: Attached copy of letter dated 2 July 1953

~~_____~~ is the outstanding expert on Erythrina alkaloids in this country, and has published 10 to 15 papers on the subject.

The dried extract apparently does not contain the narcotic substance which an extract of the fresh flowers would contain. This is being handled by Gottlieb in TSS.

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July 2, 1953.

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]
Washington, D.C., and two of
his associates, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
are deeply interested in some of the hypnotic properties
attributed to decoctions of fresh Erythrina flowers or
other plant parts.

I have discussed this with them and explained that
we in [REDACTED] have not been successful in demonstrating these
effects with dried material. They would like to visit
[REDACTED] to see a demonstration of this effect and would
begin active research aimed at isolation of the principle
causing the activity if they could witness it.

Perhaps you would be willing to arrange for an
interview with them in August or at your early convenience.
Would you be kind enough to inform me if a demonstration of
this drug activity can be arranged?

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]